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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re U.S. national phase of )  
PCT/JP2005/008106: )  
Inventor: Shinichiro GOMI et al. )  
Application No.: Not Yet Assigned )  
Filed: January 10, 2006 )  
For: **Image Processing Apparatus,** )  
**Image Processing Method,** )  
**Program of Image Processing** )  
**Method, and Recording Medium** )  
**in Which Program of Image** )  
**Processing Method Has Been** )  
**Recorded** )

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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.